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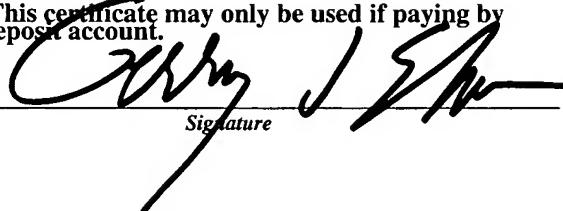
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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, applicants submit herewith the identification of patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to patentability and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

Applicants respectfully requests that the information enclosed herein be considered by the examiner in the above captioned application and be made of record therein.

The information enclosed herewith is submitted in accordance with **37 CFR § 1.97(b)**. and no fee is required for consideration of the information disclosure statement. However, any fee deficiency may be charged to deposit account **05-0845**.

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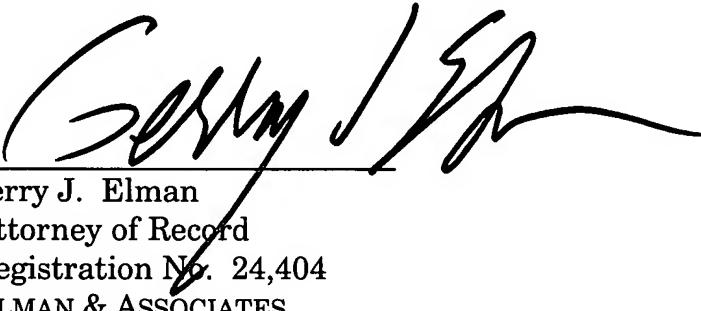
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